

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**FEBRUARY MEETING IS CANCELLED
DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS**

Date and Location of Next Meeting:

Monday, March 23, 2020, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Miller Senate Office Building

Education, Health, & Environmental Affairs Committee Room

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

January 27, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D
Mr. Vincent DeMarco
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Ms. Maansi Raswant
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Ms. Anna Sierra
Ms. Linda Dietsch
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
Ms. Shannon Hall
Ms. Vickie Walters
Ms. Karen Williams
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP
Ms. Jessica Dickerson
Ms. Isabella Firth
Mr. Kenneth Garove

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Robin Moore
The Hon. Antonio Hayes
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
The Hon. Pat Young
Mr. Ben Steffen
Mr. Floyd Hartley
Mr. William Webb
Ms. Nicole McCann
Ms. Kim Lightfoot

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

January 27, 2020

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Vickie Walters, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:10 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the November 24, 2019 meeting as written. Ms. Louise Baucom attended the meeting for Delegate Matthew Morgan.

Departmental Report

Mr. Dennis Schrader, COO & State Medicaid Director, introduced new Committee member Kenneth Garove.

The State of Maryland was selected by the National Governor's Association to be a part of a Policy Academy for Medicaid Managed Care. The Department has 6 staff members participating in the group. There are 3 former Medicaid Directors supporting the effort who are providing consultation. The Department selected three focus areas when we submitted our application: best practices for population health within the Medicaid program with an emphasis on behavioral health and diabetes, value based purchasing and parity.

Diabetes Update

Ms. Fran Phillips, Deputy Secretary, Public Health, gave the Committee an overview of diabetes as a public health challenge and presented initiatives in the health care system that are transformative to population health (see attached presentation).

Pharmacy Briefing

Mr. Athos Alexandrou, Director, Office of Pharmacy Services, reviewed the results of an audit conducted by an independent auditor for pharmacy benefits managers (PBMs) that participate with the HealthChoice Program (see attached presentation).

Behavioral Health ASO Update

Mr. Dennis Schrader, COO & State Medicaid Director, provided the Committee with an update on the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (ASO) transition to the new Optum system. There is a problem with the auto-adjudication function resulting in provider claims not being processed and paid. The Department will begin to make estimated payments to providers in the system until the problem is rectified (see attached presentation).

Legislative Update

Mr. Chris Coats, Health Policy Analyst, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, gave the Committee a preview of the current 2020 legislative session. The legislature has been in session for approximately 3 weeks and started on January 8, 2020. Important dates to keep in mind as we move through this year's session include bill introduction deadlines, February 3, 2020 for the Senate and February 7, 2020 for the House. As a result, there will be a surge of bills introduced over the next couple of weeks. Monday, March 16, 2020 is crossover, the deadline

when bills get passed out of their house of origin and this year Sine Die is Monday, April 6, 2020.

There were leadership changes in both houses this year with Mr. Bill Ferguson as the new Senate President and the new Speaker of the House is Ms. Adrienne Jones. Both have a keen interest in education funding and the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission and want to get funding for that put into the budget.

In years past, the legislature passed the budget well in advance of the statutory deadline. This year they could very well go past the deadline which is a week before adjournment. The budget bills have been introduced and this year it will be Senate bill 190 and the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) bill is Senate bill 192. Medicaid specific budget hearings have been scheduled for February 20, 2020 in the House and February 24, 2020 in the Senate.

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Ms. Molly Marra, Director, Medicaid Provider Services, informed the Committee there were no changes to the regulation, state plan amendment or waiver reports (see attached handouts).

Other Committee News

Maryland Health Care for All Coalition will host a 10 year anniversary celebration of the Affordable Care Act at 12 noon in Annapolis before the March Medicaid Advisory Committee meeting.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Ms. Walters adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.